



Iowa Children's Water Festival

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Dear Educator,

Congratulations on being selected to participate in the 2011 Iowa Children's Water Festival, which will be held **May 12th at the Des Moines Area Community College – Ankeny Campus.**

Once again, we are having a **Class Poem Contest**. Each class is asked to submit **one poem per class** to be judged. Rules for this contest are as follows;

- Poem must be original **TYPED** work and must reflect this year's theme – ***“Be an H2O Hero”***
- Poem must have a title and should not exceed 32 lines in length or one 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper.
- Poem must include teacher's name and school on the backside.
- Poem must be done on paper that will allow for duplication. No notebook or typing paper.
- Do not mat, mount, laminate, frame or fold your poem. Entries must be mailed flat.
- All poems must be received by **Monday, April 11th 2011 – NO EXCEPTIONS.**

The winning class poem will be recognized the day of the Festival and included in the student's take-home activity book. Each student in the winning class will be awarded a prize and a press release will be sent to the local newspaper. All entries will be displayed the day of the festival. No poems will be returned.

Entry deadline is Monday, April 11, 2011. Send entries to:

Brent Beste
Iowa Rural Water Association
4221 S. 22nd Ave East
Newton, IA 50208

If you have question, please call me at 1-800-747-7782 or e-mail me at bbeste@iowaruralwater.org .

I want to also ask that you forward this to all classes that are participating from your school.

I hope that your students will find this project fun as well as educational!

Sincerely,

Brent Beste
Source Water Protection Specialist
Iowa Rural Water Association